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KITS FOR ISOLATING NUCLEIC)
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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached IDS Form PTO/SB/08. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed, to the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

Copies of the listed foreign and non-patent literature documents are attached. A copy of the U.S. patent publication is not enclosed.

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The attached IDS Form PTO/SB/08 lists U.S. Patent No. 6,342,387 B1. That document appears to claim priority to Japanese Patent Application No. 9-256795, Japanese Laid-Open Publication No. 11-92494, which was cited in the Action. The attached form also lists European Patent Publication No. EP 0953635 A1. That document appears to claim priority to Japanese Patent Application No. 11-119317, Japanese Laid-Open Publication No. 11-332562, which was cited in the Action.

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